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BAILEY'S HONORS OVERWHELMING ---OPPOSE BRYAN

Hobson Starts His Naval Program With Bill to Appropriate \$50,000,000.

Provides For 1,000 Recruits For Each New Ship.

CONSIDER FINANCIAL LAWS

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Bailey, of Texas, after serving seven years, has been made chairman of a committee now and not only has a room to himself but authority to employ a clerk and messenger. He is head of the committee on the disposition of useless papers in the executive departments.

Washington, Jan. 16.—According to a poll of Democratic congressmen a large percentage is opposed to Bryan. Fifty-three are opposed to his nomination and predict that if nominated, he would be defeated. Ninety-eight favors him. Governor Johnson polled 31, Judge Gray 10, Judson Harmon 1 and 18 members are unheeded from.

Hobson's Navy Bill.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Representative Hobson introduced in the house a bill "to provide a navy adequate for national defense." It appropriates \$50,000,000 annually for the purpose of constructing new battleships, the number and features of the vessels to be determined by the president under expert advice. It also authorized the president, whenever in his judgment national security and defense requires it, to order or purchase, at home or abroad, vessels or other war material, the material, the total cost of which shall not exceed \$50,000,000 in any one year, without further authorization.

The enlistment of 1,000 additional enlisted men for each new battleship and commissioned officers in proportion is also authorized.

The proposal of the Democratic members of the house committee on banking and currency that public hearings should precede the report on any of the several currency expansion bills that have been introduced in the house, was accepted by a majority of the committee. It was decided to begin daily public hearings Wednesday, January 22.

Senator Owen introduced bills limiting speculative loans of national banks for the purpose of dealing in stocks and agricultural and other products to their unimpaired capital and surplus, forbidding national banks to receive deposits in excess of ten times the amount of their capital and surplus, providing for the creation of a liquidation fund through tax on all national banks imposed by the comptroller of the currency, and requiring the secretary of the treasury to keep on hand one hundred million dollars in United States notes which shall be issued on securities other than bonds of the United States up to 85 per cent of their market value.

The establishment of "The United States National Bank of America" is provided for in a bill introduced in the house by Mr. Fornes, Democrat, of New York. The bank, as conceived, is to be located in Washington and is to have a capital stock of \$1,000,000,000.

The bank is to be open for business September 1, 1908, and to cease to exist September 1, 1958, unless its life be extended by congress. Branches are to be established in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, Boston, Denver, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cincinnati and Portland, Ore. Four per cent dividends may be paid to stockholders on the bank's earnings.

House Summary.

So persistent have been efforts made in the house of representatives to amend the bill codifying the penal laws of the United States that the committee on revision of laws consented to let down the bars and as a result the measure was changed in some important particulars. The specific attitude of the committee in this regard served to modify the opposition members and in consequence proceedings were devoid of heated arguments which have characterized previous ones.

Senate Summary.

The senate did not receive a reply from the secretary of the treasury of its resolution calling for information concerning the financial situation, which had been promised and in its absence, Senator Aldrich assented to the passage of Senator Culberson's resolution on the same subject and without further comment the resolution was adopted.

The senate passed a joint resolution

Thomas Lawson's Dream of Grand Rivers May Be Realized in Flow of Golden Oil This Time Next Year.

Big Company Will Fully Test Field For Oil and Gas Before It Gives Up Effort to Realize Something.

In the effort to strike oil or natural gas, five wells will be sunk this year at Grand Rivers, of Thomas Lawson fame, by the Hillman Land company, of which the Simmons Hardware company of St. Louis, is the chief party in interest. Already one well has been sunk to a depth of 200 feet, but this is hardly a start, as each well will be sunk to a depth of 3,500 feet.

Work has been in progress for several weeks, but several days ago an unusually hard layer of rock was struck and the drill was broken and shipped to Paducah for repairs. This morning repairs were completed at Greer's machine shop, and it was shipped back to the scene of operations. Mr. E. H. Simons is superintending the work of sinking the

shafts, and he is hopeful of success this year. He has had much experience in the oil regions of Indiana. As yet nothing sensational in the prospect of a rich harvest has come up.

The present well is within a stone's throw of the iron furnaces of the deserted city. Much difficulty with rock has been encountered but, nevertheless, good progress has been made. Four other wells will be sunk, and work will be continued throughout this year, whether the promoters have a gleaming of success or not. Oil has been struck within 68 miles of Grand Rivers and in the same range at a depth of something over 800 feet.

Grand Rivers is on the Illinois Central railroad between the Cumberland and Tennessee river and is 26 miles from this city. If natural gas is struck it is certain to be piped to Paducah, and Grand Rivers will take a boom that would even surpass Thomas Lawson's dreams of former days. The Hillman Land company owns about 80,000 acres of land near Grand Rivers, much of which contains fine timber.

ED MANN PLEADS GUILTY IN COURT TO ASSAULTING MISS MARY ROBINSON

VICE-MAYOR HANNAN VERY MOIST ABOUT HIS PREROGATIVES.

Vice-Mayor Ed Hannan performed no official acts today, but he exhibited tact this morning, that apparently fits him for further political honors. He had no more than taken a look into the city hall before "Aunt Phoebe," a regular, tried to make a touch, "Am you de mayor," she inquired. Mr. Hannan pleaded guilty, but said he was busy. "I'll come to your house, den; whar do you live," she persisted. "You will find the mayor's residence at Fifth and Washington," answered Mayor Hannan, and turned to his work.

TOBACCO STORAGE WAREHOUSE TO BE ERECTED AT KEVIL

At the meeting of the Dark Tobacco Growers' association, held at Kevil yesterday, the directors of the prize house there were directed by a resolution passed by the tobacco growers unanimously to begin the erection of a storage house. The prize house is about completed, and the advisability of building a storage house has been considered for some time. The cost of the storage house will be \$1,500 and all of the stock was raised yesterday at the meeting. Col. John Allen, of Guthrie, was the chief speaker of the day, and his remarks deploring night riding were similar to those made here at a meeting of local growers last Saturday.

Engage in Tiger Hunt.

Petersburg, Ind., Jan. 16.—Over 200 farmers of this and adjoining counties today are engaged in a tiger chase. A large Bengal tiger has been seen in the country for two weeks. Attached to its neck is a collar with three links of a chain. Several head of stock have been killed and people have feared to leave their homes at night.

BROKE LEG IN PLAY

Sharp, Jan. 16. (Special.)—While wrestling with a companion yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, John Sawyers, 19 years old, accidentally tripped in the playful scuffle and fell, breaking his left leg between the knee and ankle. Dr. O. A. Eddleman was called and reduced the fracture. Today the young man was resting easy with prospects of being out soon.

Grain Market.

St. Louis, Jan. 16.—Wheat, \$1.03; corn, 60; oats, 54.

tion reducing from \$24,000,000 to \$11,000,000 the war indemnity of the United States from China. The remainder of the session was devoted to discussion of the penal code bill.

He and His Father Declare He Is Not Yet 21, and He May Get Only House of Correction Sentence.

Metropolis, Ill., Jan. 16. (Special.)—Ed Mann pleaded guilty here to assaulting Mary Robinson, the steps daughter of Ernest Erhardt, last November in the street in front of her home, and he will be sentenced probably Saturday. The boy and his father declare he is under 21 years of age, which would limit the maximum penalty of the offense to eight months in the House of Correction, whereas the punishment for an adult is one to 99 years in the penitentiary. Mr. Erhardt is seeking evidence to contradict the statement of the boy.

WISDOM HOSIERY MILL IS DEEDED PROPERTY

A deed to the property of the old Dixie Knitting Mills sold under order of court to F. P. Toof, was filed for record in the county clerk's office today by Master Commissioner Cecil Reed, as was a deed filed by Mr. Toof transferring the property to the Wisdom Hosiery Mills. Mr. Toof paid \$28,401 for the property at the commissioner's sale, while the consideration, for which he deeded it to the company, was not stated.

KANSAS LEGISLATURE CONVENES IN SPECIAL.

Topeka, Jan. 16.—A special session of the legislature was convened late this afternoon to consider the primary election law, the tax commission law and depositors' guaranty fund. It is announced that Hoch's message will be ready Friday.

GOVERNMENT ACCUSES WALSH OF PECULATION.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—There is little doubt that John R. Walsh's fate will be in the jury's hands by night. In closing today the government charged Walsh with diverting a million weekly from the bank to his private account.

THE WEATHER.



COLDER

Fair and much colder tonight and Friday fair and continued cold. Highest temperature yesterday, 42; lowest today, 22.

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There are 42 schools in the city and county, and reports were received from 38. The enrollment of the schools for last year was 4,194, with an average attendance of 2,775. There are 383 officers and teachers in the association. Still there are 3,900 children of school age who do not attend Sunday schools, and before the next report strenuous measures will be taken to reduce this number.

From the Sunday schools 293 conversions were secured during the past year, and this is splendid evidence of the work being done by the association. McCracken county has been placed on the banner list of the state association for the good work of the past year. An increase of 500 in the enrollment was secured from 1906.

Two of the Sunday schools have organized Bible classes along the new movement. Officers are elected and committees are appointed and a greater interest manifested, and far better results are obtained from conscientious study. It is hoped by the association to increase the number of Bible classes, and improve those organized now. Seven of the schools have regular teachers' meetings, and three Sunday schools have cradle rolls.

To the state work and the International work the McCracken County Sunday School association gave \$150 during the year. Conventions were held in every district. The Sunday schools of the city are in good condition, but the majority of the county schools are backward in the modern methods of teaching, and much of the attention of the association will be directed toward the improvement of these schools this year.

SAMUEL D. LOURAIN IS STILL AMONG MISSING.

Nothing has been heard of the whereabouts of Samuel D. Lourain, the carpenter, who took \$65 and came to the city ostensibly to purchase a stock of groceries, and has not been seen since Saturday morning. Neither his wife nor the police have secured a trace of the man.

OFFICERS ENTERTAINED

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 16.—Every officer, who can be spared from the American fleet today, is the guest of the American colony here. Varied entertainments will be given.

ONE COMPANY ON BONDS OF MANY

While the financial condition of a bonding company, which has made the bond of nearly all the saloonkeepers, is being investigated, no licenses are being issued by City Clerk McIntyre. He will learn in a few days, when the bonds will be passed on. The city is now suing the company on two bonds, and as more than \$50,000 is represented in the aggregate, the city authorities are exercising caution.

JAPANESE CRISIS ALARMS BRITISH AMUSES EUROPE

London, Jan. 16.—British statesmen and financiers today are alarmed for the Japanese future. They think the Japan's combined political and financial crisis is about the most serious any nation could face. For a government in such financial straits to talk war, European papers think is too ridiculous to be discussed.

REUMATISM CURE

John J. Rochester, secretary; Theodore Atchison, W. E. Bennett, A. Borth, E. T. George, A. Kemp Ridge, John J. Rochester, G. H. Tichenor, M. D., Board of Governors.

Governor Blanchard, although unable to be present, sent three members of his staff, Gen. Arsene Perrillat, Col. H. J. de la Vergne and Major George Tinker.

Rear Admiral Singer, commander of the naval station, and his officers and several officers from Jackson Barracks were also present. The gunboat Dubuque, a sister ship of the Paducah, was represented by almost her full quota of officers, among whom were: Commander T. C. Ross, Lieutenant H. A. Hepburn, Lieut. W. W. Smith, Surgeon J. K. Ensign N. H. Wright and K. C. McIntosh.

The Italian cruiser Etna, on port, was represented by all in brilliant uniforms, Lieutenant Commander P. Ravenna, Ensign, De Yan, Midshipman Arlotta. With the Italian consul, Lionello.

From 2 o'clock until after monies commenced, at 3:30, tugs commissioned for the after service made trips to and shore as rapidly as one load sengers could be landed at the ca's side.

The landing of the United States naval station was used and here a crowd of guests gathered. Beside the launches of the Paducah and Dubuque, two additional launches from the naval station were used to handle

ing the Guests.

They were received by Griffin and his off

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On the sidewalks the melted snow and slush of yesterday was frozen hard, and the hurrying pedestrian this morning had many a slip before he reached his destination. This is the severest pinch of winter Paducah has had this season, as attested by the Charity club. Jap Toner, secretary of the club, has had many calls for shoes and clothing.

The constant drain on the clothing supply of the club has thinned out the supply and if any of the citizens who have shoes or garments will notify the club they will be sent after. Coal was wanted by many families, and this morning 19 orders were filled by the club.

This afternoon the sun's smiles had relieved the grasp of winter somewhat, but there are good prospects that tomorrow will be according to the weather prediction.

First Woman Tramp. The Charity club had its first "woman tramp" for some time yesterday, when a woman giving the name of Mary Doffield applied at the club's headquarters. She said she came here from Meridian, Miss., and wanted work, but, it is said, she was nothing more than a tramp. After her story she was given transportation out of the city.

Country Meat on Market.

On account of the cold weather many marketers brought in a great quantity of meat this morning and sold it in quarters and halves. The law prevents them selling in smaller quantities. This morning more meat was on the market than before this year. Beef sold from 3 cents a pound up, and pork could be bought from 5 cents up.

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The morning session of the Thaw trial opened with August Weber, former butler in the Thaw home, on the stand, reciting acts of Thaw, which impressed him as those of an irrational person, Raymond Browne, who was at the roof garden on the night of the killing, saw Thaw with his overcoat collar turned up, although it was a hot night. His face was pale and his eyes were vacant and wild. He appeared as if looking away off.

An Ohio man, whose name is withheld, has written to Evelyn Thaw agreeing to take Harry's place either in the electric chair or the asylum for three millions, according to the Globe today. Photographs, accompanying the offer, show a resemblance to Thaw that the Ohioan says he could be substituted for Thaw.

Abraham B. Beck, Thaw's school teacher for two years, said as a boy, Harry was excessively nervous and often burst into animal like howls and couldn't be controlled. He would disturb the classes. He was sullen and supercilious.

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BIGGEST VERDICT RENDERED TODAY IN DAMAGE CASE

The largest verdict for damages allowed at this term of court was the \$3,500 given James Underwood today against the Princess Furnace company for injuries received while the plaintiff was assisting in wrecking the old iron furnace at Third and Norton streets last May. Mr. Underwood was injured by a lever breaking and striking him on the head. According to the testimony of the physicians, his brain was permanently injured; \$13,000 was the amount sued for.